

# MassBays brings people together to work toward resilient ecosystems and communities

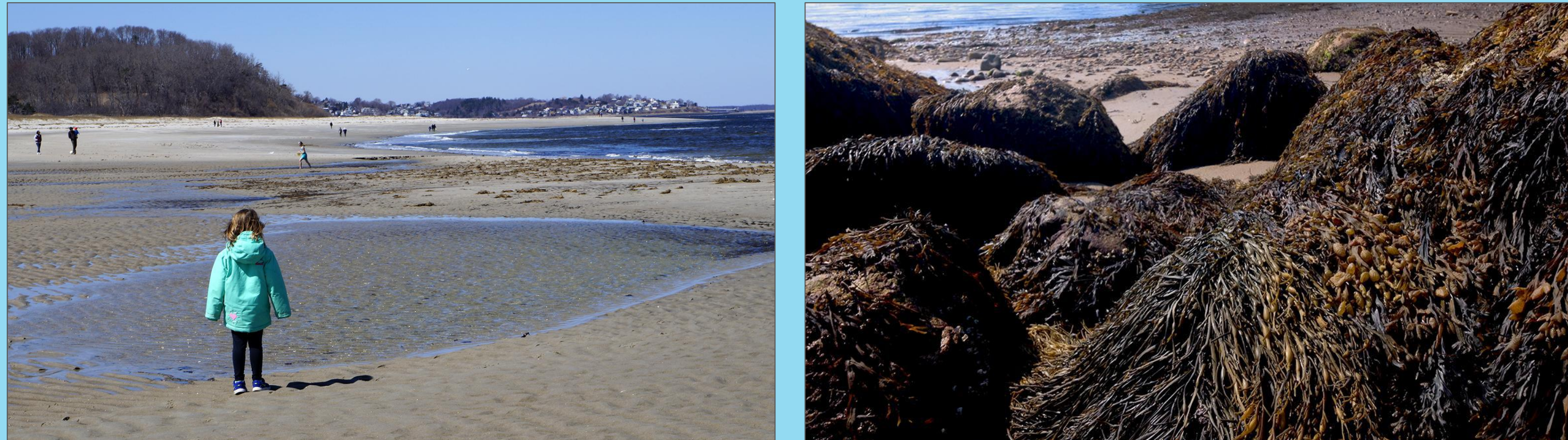


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Addressing climate change, water pollution, and habitat loss requires collaboration.

MassBays brings together federal, state, and local agencies, as well as universities and local nonprofit organizations to respond to environmental challenges, including:

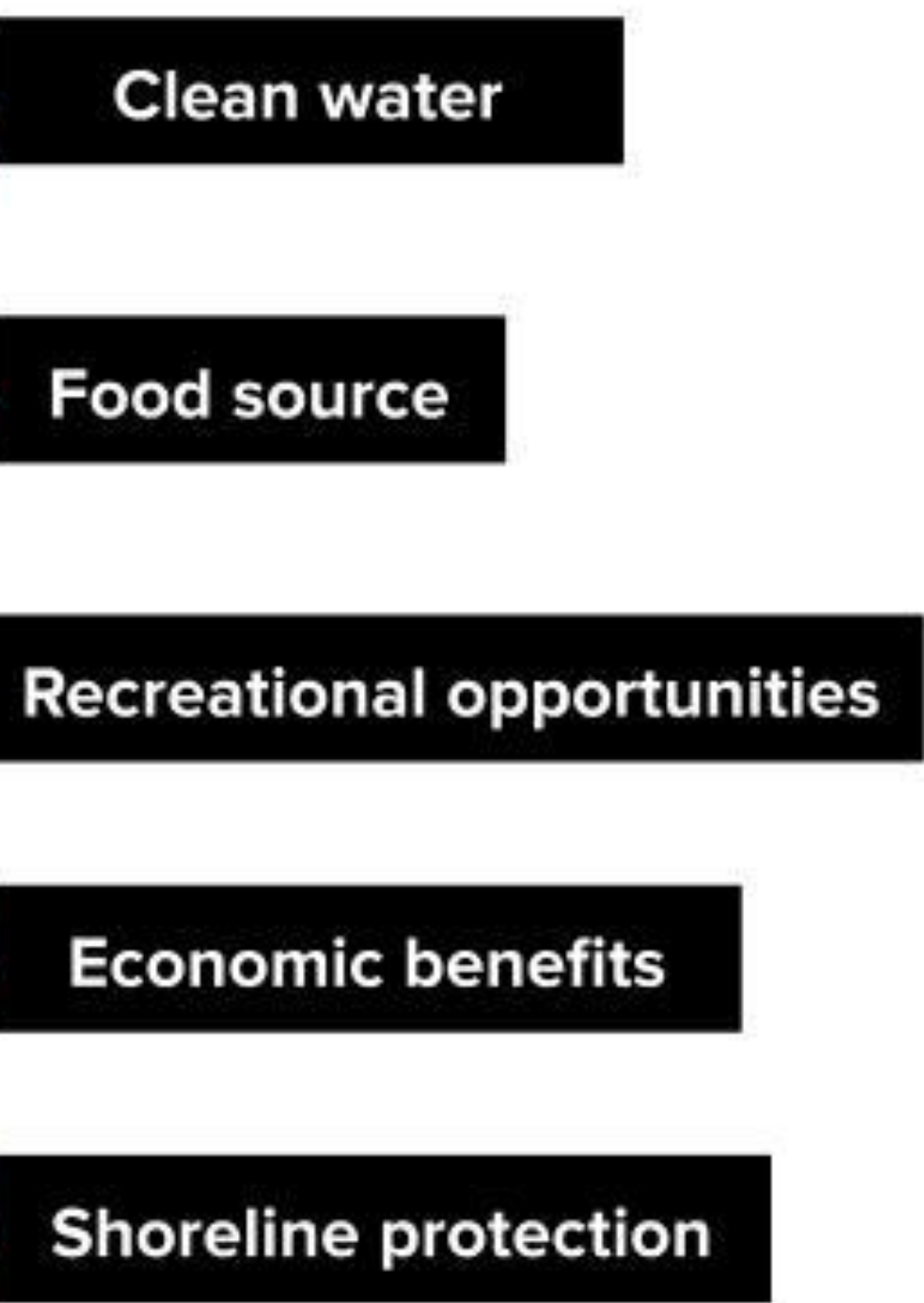
**Sea level rise**, which floods salt marshes and rocky shores, as well as roads and buildings.

**Higher water temperature**, which influences which animals and plants can live in our coastal waters.

**More carbon dioxide**, which makes it harder for oysters to make their shells.

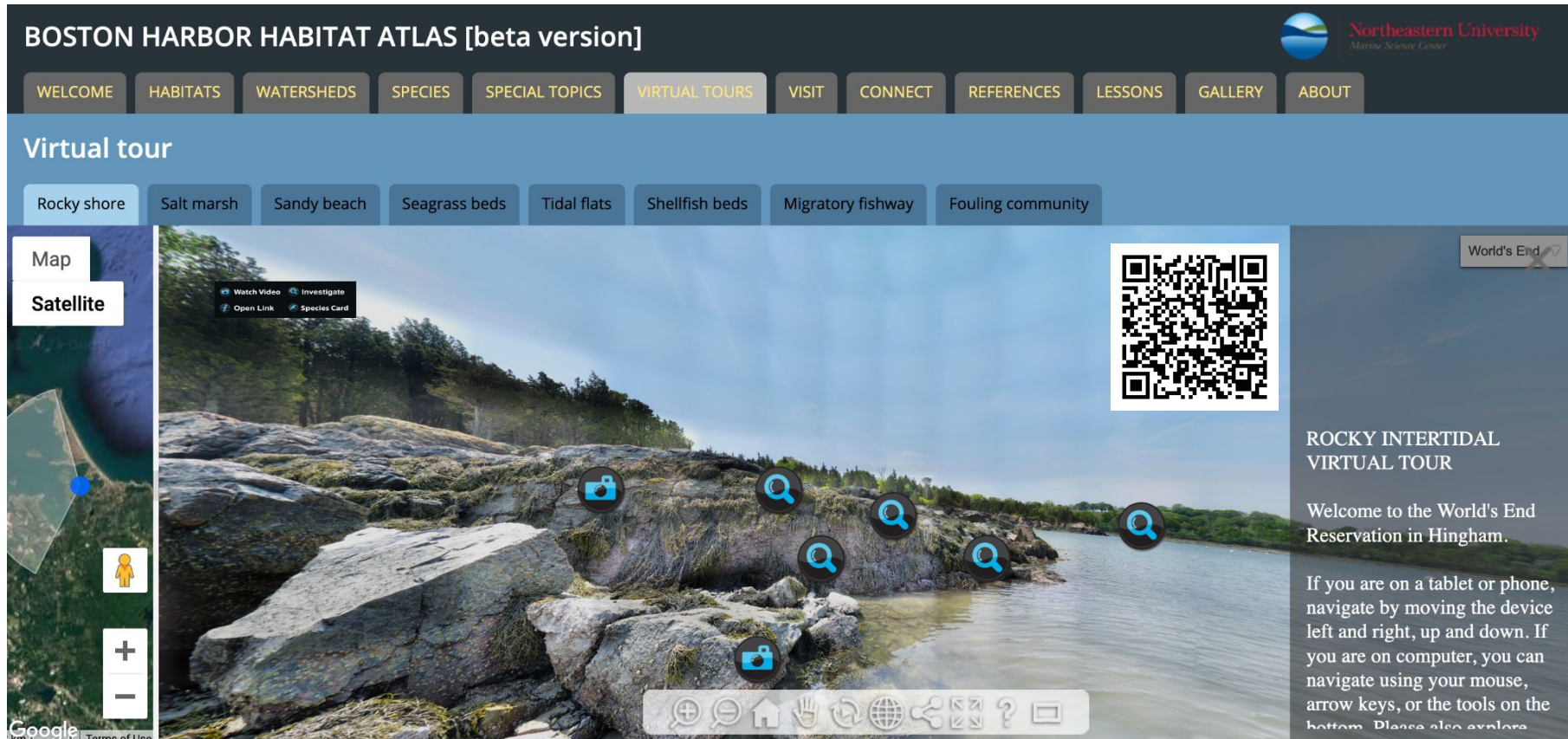
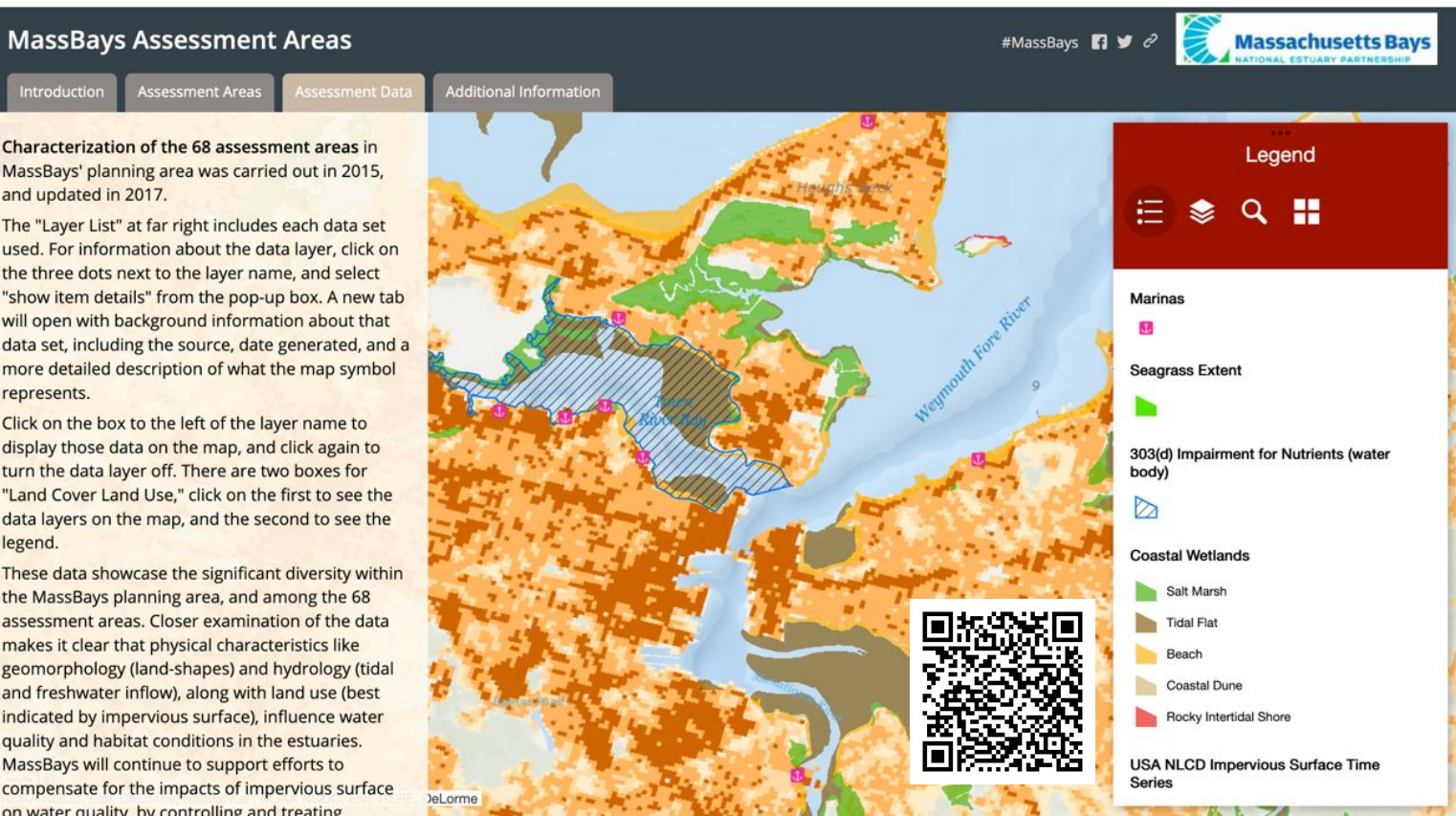
**Shorter, heavier rainstorms**, which carry more pollution into rivers and estuaries, and cause erosion of riverbanks and shorelines.

We all benefit from clean water and healthy habitats!



Even people who live further from shore are connected to the ocean. Coastal ecosystems and the organisms that live there support our communities with food, protection, and recreation. MassBays is dedicated to providing technical support, education, and hands-on assistance to anyone seeking to protect, restore, and enhance coastal habitats in the Bays.

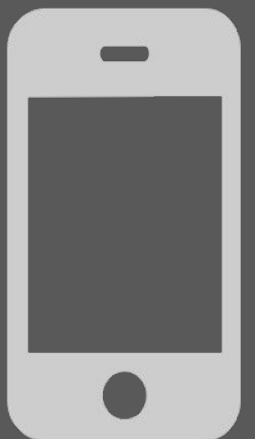
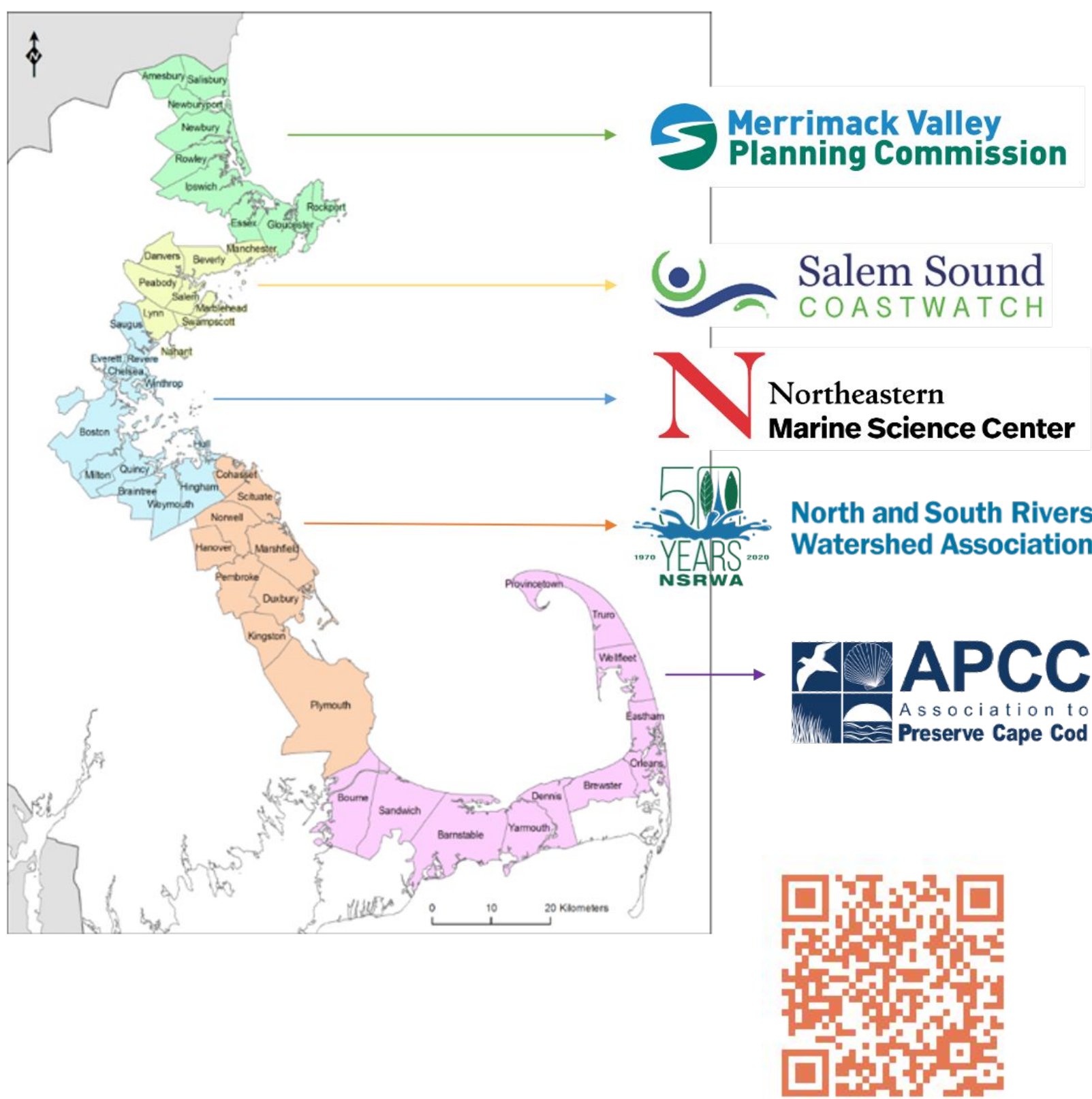
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## Why it Matters

The National Estuary Program is a non-regulatory, EPA-funded program charged by Congress with monitoring, protecting, and restoring coastal habitats. We take that charge very seriously!

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